human flesh is heir, and all that I can say is that the Government are doing and will do their best.

93. The desirability of sanctioning a grant of Rs. 15 per mensem for the treatment of destitute inpatients in the Punalur Dispensary and the need for repairing the present dispensary building.

Mr. Kanakku Padmanabhan Narayanan (Member, Pattanapuram Taluk) submitted that coolies suffering from malaria, &c., who had to come to Punalur from the neighbouring planting districts were subject to much suffering and inconvenience owing to the want of inpatient accommodation in the Punalur dispensary. He had represented the matter at the Assembly last year when he was told in reply that in the dispensary there was provision for 8 beds for inpatients and that orders would be issued for the entire sum allotted for the purpose being spent for inpatients. On enquiry at the dispensary he was made to understand that no funds had been sanctioned for the purpose. The Member also submitted that the dispensary building was leaky and should be promptly repaired.

Dewan's reply.—There is a provision for 8 beds in the dispensary. There is also an allotment of Rs. 150 for the dispensary contingencies. It is understood that there has been no expenditure under the head of inpatients because none are coming forward. If, as you say, the Medical Officer has said that there was no allotment and that inpatients could not be admitted, the matter will be enquired into by the Darbar Physician. In regard to the repairs to the building in which the dispensary is located, Government will make the necessary arrangements.

94. Need for establishing a Dispensary at Pattanamtitta.

Mr. M. Narayanan Govindan (Member, Pattanamtitta Taluk) said that, though the Dewan had toured almost all over the country, it was a misfortune to the people that he did not visit his taluk. The pakuthies of Pattanamtitta, Omallur, Elanthur, Cherukole and Rani were thickly inhabited, with a population of about a lakh and a half. The people in those localities had absolutely no medical aid and the dispensary at Koni was inaccessible to them, since it was at a distance of from ten to thirty five miles from the above mentioned places. The Member said that a similar representation was made at the last session of the Assembly also and prayed that sanction be given for the establishment of a hospital at Pattanamtitta.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the opening of a dispensary, arrangements will be made for a dispensary being opened at Pattanamtitta from the beginning of 1097. There is a hospital at Kozhenchery which is only a few miles away. The proposal to open a hospital instead of a dispensary at Pattanamtitta cannot therefore be entertained.

95. Vaidyasalas and Patasalas.

Mr. Sankaran Padmanabhan (Member, Karunagapalli Taluk) stated that since the reorganisation of the Ayurveda department in 1093 the people at large had benefited very much and evinced a keen interest and faith in the Ayurvedic system of treatment. As an instance of the great popularity of the Ayurvedic system of treatment, the Member referred to people from distant parts of South India resorting to the Ayurvedic hospital at Trivandrum. In the Member's opinion the usefulness of the department could be considerably enhanced, if certain reforms were introduced in the department, and with that end in view he suggested the following measures for the consideration of Government :—

1. The Ayurvedic hospital should be shifted to a more centrally situated locality with facilities for the admission of a greater number of patients.

2. The pharmacy should be made up-to-date by the introduction of machinery in the preparation of medicines.

3. The medicines so prepared should be distributed free to the poor and sold to the rich.

4. Ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries should be established in the mofussil.

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